

DRUG POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 24, 2014

Place: Teen Challenge, Colfax, IA

Called to Order: April 24, 2014 at 1:00pm

Adjourned: April 24, 2014 at 2:15pm

Present: Steve Lukan, Dale Woolery, Paul Stageberg, Vern Armstrong, Warren Hunsberger, Michael Hunsberger, Jane Larkin, Col. Thomas Staton, Hon. Thomas Bower, Jason Sandholt, Steven Arndt, Susie Sher

Absent: Jennifer Miller, Matthew Harkin

Excused: Cyndy Erickson, Katrina McKibbin, Kathy Stone, Chris Wilson, David Lorenzen

Welcome and Introductions

Director Lukan called the meeting to order and attendees provided introductions. Col. Staton told the group he would be deploying this summer, so Larry Doss will be taking his place on the Council.

Approval of the October 10, 2013 minutes

Motion to approve minutes with minor spelling corrections. Minutes approved.

Legislative Update

Director Lukan provided an update on several bills. The Prescription Monitoring Program bill passed, which will allow for interstate connectivity. The Meth Precursors bill was approved. Social Host passed and is being signed today. And the Synthetics bill passed, adding more compounds to the Controlled Substances list. Director Lukan discussed synthetics and the news conference held this morning about the consumer fraud lawsuit filed. He also discussed the CBD oil bill and concerns with how it is worded. ODCP is following the bill and wants to help those who need it without causing overall harm to the state.

Agency/Organization Updates

Steve Arndt discussed their work with the VA and studying vets with head injuries and substance abuse problems. They are also working with the 6th judicial district drug court on housing and employment and the Iowa Geriatric Education Center with elders and substance abuse issues. The Iowa Youth Survey will be conducted this fall. Jason Sandholt is attending his first meeting with DPAC. Col. Staton stated he recently attended a conference where several topics of interest were discussed including NPLeX, prescription medication abuse, the problem with states' prescription monitoring programs not sharing data, the difference in states' scheduling of synthetic drugs, and the alarming trend of people switching to heroin after using prescription drugs. MCTC has not been funding for FY2015. Analysts have not been funded either. They are meeting next week to determine where cuts will be made. Jane Larkin mentioned the DEA take-back day set for April 26th. Also, April is Alcohol Awareness Month and the Governor is signing a proclamation today. She mentioned a DEC Conference coming up in May in Marshalltown and that May 18-24 is National Substance Abuse Prevention week. She also discussed looking at local ordinances for e-cigarettes. Vern Armstrong talked about differential response having been implemented. They are also working with courts on consistency in drug testing. He talked about the ACA and sign-up for Iowa's version of Medicaid expansion has surpassed expectations. They are working with DOC on a pilot to get inmates approved for Medicaid before they are released. Paul Stageberg discussed their grant to implement online screening progressing. He mentioned the kidnapping bill that is still alive in the Legislature. IDPH is contracting with them to do the evaluation on the teen suicide prevention grant. And CJPJ's budget will include money to replace two staff who are leaving, including Paul, who is retiring. Judge Bower provided a handout summarizing termination of parental rights involving substance abuse cases.

Adjourn

Next meeting will be announced at a later time. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned. A tour of the Teen Challenge facility was given.



Susie Sher



Steve Lukan, Coordinator